

(c) and (d) Government is not importing any raw jute. Raw jute is permitted to be imported under OGL. The Jute Corporation of India (JCI) has not imported any raw jute during the last three years.

Statement

State-wise production of raw Jute

[In Lakh Bales]

(1 balc = 180 kg.)

States	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001
Assam	10	8.44	10.0
Mcghalaya	0.3	0.2	0.3
W. Bengal	56	53	64.4
Bihar	8	8	9.5
Orissa	3	2.63	2.1
A.P.	4	4.66	5.6
Tripura	0.32	0.35	0.2
Others	1.25	1.3	1.9
Total	82.87	78.58	94.0

New plan for dew-lpment of Garment Industry

1940. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any new plan for development of Garment Industry of the country;

(b) If so, what are the basic features of such plan;

(c) whether Government propose to establish new textile units in coming years; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) A Scheme has been announced in the Union Budget 2001-02 for

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creating clusters of excellence *i.e.* "Apparel Park for Exports". The guidelines for the Scheme are being finalised. The objectives of the scheme are as under:—

- (i) To give a focused thrust to setting up of modern apparel manufacturing units of international standards in clusters of excellence which will work as one-stop-shop for reputed international buyers.
- (ii) To give fillip to domestic production to meet competition from imports and to promote exports in this sector.
- (c) and (d) Government do not propose to establish new textile units in the public sector, at this stage. However, the Government is encouraging investments in private sector through various measures such as Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS), New Investors Entitlement (NIE), System of Quota Policy, concessional duty imports of specified textile and garment machineries (*w* 5% duty etc.

Weaving capacity in the organised mill sector

1941. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the weaving capacity in the organised mill sector has of late declined even with the removal of restrictions in the creation of capacity in the textile sector as permitted by the Textile Policy of 1985;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to increase the weaving capacity in the organised mill sector; and
- (d) the number of mills closed down during the year 2000-2001 and the assistance Government have extended for their revival to the mill-owners?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) The weaving capacity in the mill sector continues to be almost constant